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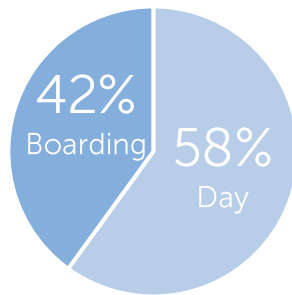
School Profile 2024-2025

MISSION STATEMENT

Saint Mary's School, a community dedicated to academic excellence and personal achievement, prepares young women for college and life. To accomplish our mission, Saint Mary's School challenges each young woman to embrace the habits of an intellectual life, engages her with the past and the emerging future, and empowers her to serve and shape her world; fosters in each young woman a spirit of connection to others, guides her in developing her spiritual and ethical integrity, and prepares her to take responsibility for herself and her future.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Founded in 1842 as the 4th oldest girls' boarding and day school in the country



308 students representing
13 states and 12 countries
15% domestic students of color
16% international students in boarding program
66 members of the Class of 2025

- 43% of students receive financial aid
- 100% of graduates admitted to 4-year colleges
- 9:1 student-to-faculty ratio; average class size is 14 students
- 67% of faculty hold advanced degrees in their fields, including 8 doctoral degrees
- Saint Mary's is committed to advancing an equity-centered and culturally competent educational experience for all students

MEMBERSHIPS

- Saint Mary's is accredited by the Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS), and is a member of the following professional associations:

International Coalition of Girls' Schools (ICGS); The National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS); The National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES); Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS); North Carolina Association of Independent Schools (NCAIS); The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS)

ACADEMIC PROGRAM

The curriculum consists of rigorous college-preparatory academics in all subject areas. All graded courses not designated as Advanced Placement (AP) or Distinguished Scholar (DS) are taught at the Honors level.

- Saint Mary's School does not calculate class rank
- 21 AP courses offered in the 2024-2025 academic year
- 6 Distinguished Scholars courses, including post-AP Multivariable Calculus, taught at a level comparable to AP
- A copy of the Curriculum Guide, including course offerings by department, is available [online](#)
- Students enrolled in AP courses are typically required to take the AP Exam
- The school year is divided into semesters, and the expected course load is seven courses per semester, including Seminar
- Diploma requirements include a minimum of 22 units – full graduation requirements can be found [online](#)

COURSE OFFERINGS AND GRADING

Saint Mary's offers courses at three levels: Honors, Advanced Placement, and Distinguished Scholars. Students are encouraged to select classes that enhance their learning, complement their learning styles, and allow for a positive, balanced school experience. Final course placements are determined by the academic affairs team in consultation with teachers and advisors.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARS – NEW COURSE OFFERINGS BEGINNING 2024-2025

Saint Mary's developed the Distinguished Scholars (DS) courses to provide an increased variety of courses for our students outside the AP curriculum, while maintaining a similar standard of rigor, workload, and academic depth.

DS courses are built on the foundation of the 10 key competencies, and put students at the center of their own learning through a focus on interdisciplinary and experiential education. DS courses offered in the 24-25 academic year include:

Media Studies, Dance of Death, Modern Art History,
Music and the Science of Sound, Multivariable Calculus, Environmental Engineering

STANDARDIZED TESTING

3-year average Class of 2022-2024

SAT Middle 50%: 1070 – 1330

ACT Composite Middle 50%: 22 - 29

In 2024, 170 students took 423 AP exams, with 86% of students scoring a 3 or higher

GRADING SCALE

A+ (97-100) = 4.3	C+ (79-77) = 2.3
A (96-93) = 4.0	C (76-73) = 2.0
A- (92-90) = 3.7	C- (72-70) = 1.7
B+ (89-87) = 3.3	D (69-65) = 1.0
B (86-83) = 3.0	F (64-0) = 0
B- (82-80) = 2.7	

GPA WEIGHTING

- AP and DS Courses receive 2 quality points
- All other graded courses are Honors level and receive 1 quality point

COURSE OFFERINGS

AP English Language and Composition
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AP World History
AP United States History
AP United States Government and Politics
AP Comparative Government and Politics
AP Psychology
AP Statistics
AP Calculus AB
AP Calculus BC
AP Computer Science A
AP Biology
AP Chemistry
AP Physics I
AP Physics II
AP Environmental Science
AP French Language and Culture
AP Spanish Language and Culture
AP Chinese (through One Schoolhouse)
AP 2-D Art and Design
AP Drawing

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SEMINAR:

A required, annual course for all students, team-taught by faculty, and designed to develop the [10 key competencies](#) through intentional partnerships with outside organizations. In second semester of senior year, students complete a senior capstone or internship for an in depth study or experience on a chosen topic. Recent graduates have completed internships or conducted research in fields including medicine, elementary education, marketing, collegiate athletics, real estate, historical preservation, the fashion industry, and law.

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY:

Saint Mary's is proud to offer three of the courses in the Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biological Science sequence. By immersing students in activities like practicing suturing and constructing body structures from clay, PLTW Biomedical Science empowers students to build knowledge and skills in biomedical science, as well as in-demand, transportable skills like problem solving, critical and creative thinking, communication, and collaboration. Students are eligible to apply for college credit upon completion of individual courses or the full sequence of PLTW Biomedical

YOUNG WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE:

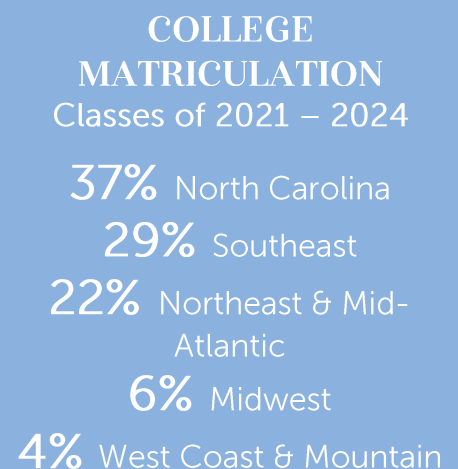
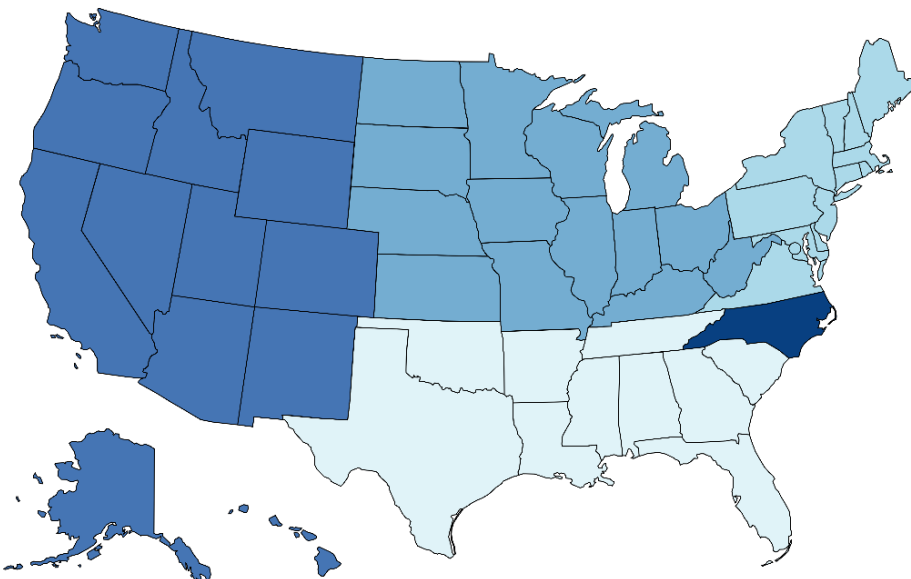
The Young Women's Leadership Institute (YWLI) is a dynamic and transformative two-week summer camp for high school-aged girls, designed to inspire and equip young women with the skills, knowledge, and confidence needed to become leaders in their communities and beyond. Students follow a university-developed leadership curriculum, and learn directly from profoundly successful women leaders through a daily speaker series. Past speakers have included a Broadway star, a world-renown cave diver and explorer, a former NASA astronaut, award-winning journalists, leaders in academia, and champion athletes.

GLOBAL STUDIES:

The Saint Mary's School educational travel program is designed to provide students with experiential opportunities that build empathy and compassion for others. Trips are offered throughout the academic year and during the summer. Recent Saint Mary's trips have included study or service in Iceland, France, England, and the Dominican Republic. Saint Mary's also participates in an annual exchange program with Institution des Chartreux in France and Saint Mary's School in Australia.

COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY MATRICULATION

The 85 members of the Class of 2024 were admitted to 151 institutions across the United States and abroad. Those recent graduates enrolled at 53 different colleges in 20 states, DC, England, and Spain, with 68% enrolled at institutions outside of North Carolina. A complete list of college acceptances and matriculations for the Class of 2024 can be found on our website.





College Matriculations | Classes 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024

Number denotes multiple number of students attending. Bold denotes a Class of 2024 graduate matriculated.

Agnes Scott College	Sewanee: The University of the South (6)
American University (2)	Smith College
Appalachian State University (8)	Southern Methodist University
Auburn University (3)	Suffolk University
Barnard College	Syracuse University
Baylor University (2)	Texas Christian University (6)
Belmont University	Tufts University
Boston College (2)	Tulane University (2)
Boston University (2)	Union College
Brown University	Universidad de Navarra, Spain
Bryn Mawr College (2)	University of Alabama (8)
Bucknell University	University of Bristol, England
Campbell University	University of California at Los Angeles
Carnegie Mellon University	University of California at San Diego
Case Western Reserve University	University of California at Santa Barbara
Chapman University	University of Cincinnati
Clemson University (4)	University of Colorado at Boulder (4)
College of Charleston (2)	University of Georgia (7)
Columbia College of Chicago	University of Kentucky (2)
Columbia University	University of Lynchburg
Cornell University	University of Mary Washington
Creighton University	University of Miami (4)
Davidson College (3)	University of Michigan
Drexel University	University of Mississippi (8)
East Carolina University (8)	University of North Carolina at Asheville
Elon University (6)	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (46)
Emory University (3)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Florida A&M University	University of North Carolina at Wilmington (6)
Fordham University	University of North Texas
Furman University (3)	University of Pennsylvania
George Washington University (2)	University of Richmond (4)
Georgia Tech	University of San Diego
Hamilton College	University of South Carolina (6)
Hampton University	University of South Florida at St Petersburg
Hollins University (2)	University of Southern California
Howard University (2)	University of Southern Maine
James Madison University (2)	University of St Andrews (Scotland)
Johnson & Wales University-Charlotte	University of Tampa
Kalamazoo College	University of Tennessee at Knoxville (7)
Liberty University	University of Texas at Austin
Louisiana State University	University of Vermont (3)
Marshall University	University of Virginia (5)
Meredith College (3)	University of Washington at Seattle
Miami University (3)	University of Wisconsin at Madison (3)
Michigan State University	Virginia Commonwealth University
Mississippi State University	Virginia Tech (2)
Muhlenberg College	Wake Forest University (5)
New York University (4)	Wake Technical Community College
North Carolina A & T State University (2)	Washington and Lee University (5)
North Carolina State University (28)	Wellesley College
Northeastern University (2)	Western Carolina University
Ohio State University	Westminster College
Pennsylvania State University	William & Mary (2)
Pepperdine University	Wofford College (9)
Princeton University (2)	
Purdue University	
Randolph College	
Randolph-Macon College	
Reed College	
Rhodes College	
Saint Mary's College	
Savannah College of Art and Design (2)	